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SBA TO HONOR NATION'S BEST CONTRACTORS WITH ANNUAL PROCUREMENT AWARDS

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will present the agency's most prestigious annual contracting awards this week to a small business from Texas, **Research Dynamics Incorporated**, which supplies computer services, and an Alabama software company, **Infinity Technology, Inc.** These are in addition to other awards that recognize large companies and other federal agencies that do well in contracting with smaller businesses.

"The doors of opportunity are wide open for small businesses interested in the nearly \$200 billion federal marketplace and today's announcements recognize the best of the government's contracting best," said SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez. **"And those doors of opportunity were opened even wider within the past few weeks when President Clinton issued an Executive Order making it an Administration priority that more women-owned small businesses be given a chance to compete for federal procurements. Our winners' list includes several women-owned firms, and I congratulate them and all our honorees."**

The awards will be presented in Washington, DC during the 33rd Annual Joint Industry/SBA Procurement Conference and Business Opportunity Expo. The event begins today, June 12, and concludes Wednesday, June 14, with all events taking place in the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel. Additional details on the event and the awards are available at <http://www.sba.gov/gc/expo.htm>.

The *National Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award* will be given to:

Research Dynamics Incorporated (RDI), San Antonio, Texas - RDI was founded in 1989 in San Antonio, Texas, by its president Nancy R. Kudla. Ms. Kudla and RDI have earned an exceptional reputation throughout the government for commitment to delivering excellence and value in products and services. RDI specializes in computer-related technical and management support services and has strong expertise in software systems design and development, environmental and laboratory data management and related services, database engineering, computer and network operations management, and hazardous materials/waste management services. The company was nominated for the award by the 12th Contracting Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas.

RDI is an 8(a) woman- and veteran-owned business and has been on the list of Top 50 Fastest Growing Businesses in San Antonio for the past four years, and was one of the Top 25 women-owned businesses in San Antonio in 1998 and 1999. In 1997 and 1999, RDI was recognized as one of the Air Force's best small business prime contractors.

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The *National Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award* will go to:

Infinity Technology, Inc., Huntsville, Alabama - Infinity Technology was nominated for the award by Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems (LMAS) of Marietta, Georgia. LMAS is the prime contractor for the U.S. Air Force's F-22 Raptor. For LMAS, Infinity provides F-22 software support, including: simulation and modeling software, air combat and defense simulation, and the simulation dome and high fidelity modeling. Infinity was founded in 1989 as an 8(a) woman-owned company by Alicia Juzang and her husband, Guy. In addition to the Huntsville location, Infinity has offices in Los Angeles, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Hampton, VA. The company employs 120 people.

The full list of prime and subcontracting award recipients for all 10 SBA Regions includes:

SBA Region 1 --

Prime - Gemini Industries of Billerica, MA - Ms. Victoria Bondoc - President
Subcontractor - Costa Precision Manufacturing Corp. of Claremont, NH - Mr. Edward M. Zielinski - President

SBA Region 2 --

Prime - Imperial Construction Group of Elizabeth, NJ - Mr. Frank Dominguez - President
Subcontractor - B & R Machine & Tool Corp. of Westbury, NY - Mr. William Gross - President

SBA Region 3 --

Prime - Dynamac Corp. of Rockville, MD - Ms. Diana MacArthur - CEO & Chairman
Subcontractor - The Chamberlain Group Ltd. of Lynchburg, VA - Ms. Eva Marie Pietsch, Lynne Govers - Owners

SBA Region 4 --

Prime - Mainstream Engineering Corp. of Rockledge, FL - Dr. Robert P. Scaringe - President
Subcontractor - Infinity Technology, Inc. of Huntsville, AL - Ms. Alicia Juzang - Chairman of the Board

SBA Region 5 --

Prime - Light Corp. of Grand Haven, MI - Mr. Bradley Davis - President
Subcontractor - Di-Hed Yokes, Inc. of Lakeville, MN - Mr. Kendal Owen - Chief Operating Officer

SBA Region 6 --

Prime - Research Dynamics, Inc. of San Antonio, TX - Ms. Nancy R. Kudla - President
Subcontractor - SBS Technologies, Inc. of Albuquerque, NM - Mr. Chris Amenson - CEO

SBA Region 7 --

Prime - ASW Associates of Lincoln, NE - Mr. Marshall Prichard - President
Subcontractor - Patriot Machine of St. Charles, MO - Ms. Judy L. Burns - President

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SBA Region 8 --

Prime - BearStar Enterprises of Billings, MT - Mr. Abdullah S. Ramhormoz - President
Subcontractor - Industrial Supply Co., Inc. of Salt Lake City, UT - Mr. Philip M. Thompson - CEO

SBA Region 9 --

Prime - NAN, Inc. dba Ocean House Builders of Honolulu, HI - Mr. Patrick Shin - President
Subcontractor - Independent Contractors Enterprises of Huntington Beach, CA - Ms. Norma Leivan - CEO

SBA Region 10 --

Prime - Burton Construction Inc. of Spokane, WA - Mr. Jerry Burton - President
Subcontractor - CYGNUS, Inc. of Ponderay, ID - Dr. Jack Ambrosiani - President

The SBA is also presenting for the first time an award specifically designed to recognize the accomplishments of federal procurement employees from other agencies who work as contracting advocates for small, small disadvantaged and women-owned businesses.

The ***Federal Gold Star Awards for Excellence*** recognize the extraordinary performance of the personnel within the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) who have the primary responsibility for the aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that ensure small business a role in the federal marketplace. In addition, any federal department or agency that has a winner of a *Gold Star Award* will receive an *Agency Goaling Award of Excellence*.

The winners are:

- **Durie White**, OSDBU Director, Department of State
- **Casimir Bonkowski**, OSDBU Director, Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Luz Hopewell**, OSDBU Director, Department of Transportation
- **Voneree Deloatch**, OSDBU Director, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

The ***Frances Perkins Vanguard Awards for Excellence*** recognize buying activities and individuals in both the government and industry for their excellence in utilizing women-owned small businesses as prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers.

In the industry category, the winners are:

- **The Boeing Company** of Seattle, Washington
- **Caddell Construction** of Montgomery, Alabama
- **Honeywell** of Olathe, Kansas
- **Xerox Corporation** of Webster, New York

The Perkins Award for an industry official will be presented to **Richard Moody** of Metcalf & Eddy of Wakefield, Massachusetts.

In the category reserved for government, the awardee is the **State Department** in Washington, D.C.

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The *Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence*, created in 1991, is presented each year to large businesses that operate as federal prime contractors. The award recognizes those that have excelled in their use of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors.

City Public Service (Utility category)

San Antonio, TX

Jamie Rochelle

General Manager and Chief Executive Officer

City Public Service (CPS) is one of the largest municipally-owned utilities in the nation. It is owned by the City of San Antonio, eighth largest city in the country. CPS supplies gas and electric energy to the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Sandia National Laboratories (Research and Development category)

Albuquerque, NM

J. Paul Robinson

President and Laboratories Director

Sandia National Laboratories is operated by Sandia Corporation, a Lockheed Martin Company, for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with main facilities in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Livermore, California. Its primary purpose is to ensure that the nuclear weapon stockpile meets the highest standards of safety, security, and reliability.

Westinghouse Savannah River Company (Service category)

Aiken, SC

J.J. Buggy

President

The Savannah River Site (SRS) is a key Department of Energy industrial complex dedicated to the stewardship of the environment, the enduring nuclear weapon stockpile and nuclear materials. More specifically, the SRS processes and stores nuclear materials in support of the national defense and U.S. nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The site also develops and deploys technologies to improve the environment and treat nuclear and hazardous wastes left from the Cold War.

Roy F. Weston, Inc. (Construction category)

West Chester, PA

William L. Robertson

Chief Executive Officer

Established in 1957 by the company founder and namesake, Roy F. Weston, the company is a leading infrastructure redevelopment firm providing solutions for industry and government clients worldwide. Starting as a small business providing environmental engineering consulting, Weston has grown to a large business with over 2100 employees. Early on, Mr. Weston recognized a need to address the effects of years of environmental neglect and correctly assessed its potential long-term adverse impact on our society and future generations. The highly professional staff serves a broad marketplace of governmental and industrial clients from over 60 office locations throughout the U.S., generating 1999 gross revenues of \$264 million.

Xerox Corporation (Manufacturing category)
Stamford, CT

Paul A. Allaire
President and Chief Executive Officer

Xerox offers expertise in the production and management of documents: color and black and white, paper and digital, across networks, for the home office or the global enterprise. Xerox and its partner, Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. of Japan, offer a wide array of document products and services in the industry: copiers, printers, fax machines, scanners, desktop software, digital printing and publishing systems, supplies, and comprehensive document-management services-from the running of in-house production centers to the creation of networks.

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